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EXDIS FOR ASST. SECRETARY HUMMEL FROM SULLIVAN

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (HUMMEL, ASST. ARTHUR W.)  
TRAVEL OF ASSISTANT SECRETARY HUMMEL

REF: (A) MANILA 10743, (B) STATE 187458

1. MY SUGGESTIONS CONCERNING YOUR TRAVEL TO MANILA (REF A) WERE PREMISED ON ASSUMPTION SECRETARY WOULD VISIT HERE IN ROUGHLY THE SAME TIME FRAME. IT IS NOW CLEAR FROM REF B THAT SECRETARY WILL CANCEL HIS VISIT TO PHILIPPINES.

2. THIS UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT DOES NOT RPT NOT ALTER MY EARLIER SUGGESTION THAT YOU PLAN TO COME HERE AFTER YOUR VISIT TO TOKYO. YOU COULD FLY DOWN VIA PAL 431 ON EVENING THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 AND DEPART VIA PAN AM 841 ON AFTERNOON SATURDAY, AUGUST 14. THIS WOULD GIVE YOU AUSPICIOUS DAY OF FRIDAY THE 13TH TO MEET WITH APPROPRIATE FILIPINOS, INCLUDING (I WOULD HOPE) PRESIDENT MARCOS AND SECRETARY ROMULO. SATURDAY MORNING COULD BE SPENT WITH EMBASSY STAFF AND U.S. NEGOTIATING PANEL.

3. IT IS MY ESTIMATE THAT OUR MILITARY BASE NEGOTIATIONS WILL HAVE REACHED END OF THEIR TETHER BY THAT TIME AND THAT WE WILL NEED GRACEFUL METHOD TO TAKE RECESS. WHILE IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO LAY OUT PREMISES FOR A HORSE TRADE, I WOULD EXPECT THAT FILIPINOS WILL PREFER TO WAIT UNTIL AFTER U.S. ELECTIONS BEFORE THEY MAKE DEFINITIVE MOVES IN THIS DIRECTION.

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4. THE CHANGE IN SECRETARY'S TRAVEL PLANS WILL BE DEEP DISAPPOINTMENT TO FILIPINOS. IN THEIR USUAL WAY, THEY WILL TEND TO READ SIGNIFICANT OMENS INTO THIS CHANGE. A VISIT BY YOU, MORE OR LESS IN HIS STEAD, WILL OFFSET THESE REACTIONS TO SOME DEGREE. MOREOVER, YOU COULD PRESUMABLY BEAR INSPIRING WORDS FROM HIM FOR SENSITIVE FILIPINO EARS.

5. IT WOULD NATURALLY SOFTEN THE BLOW OF THE MESSAGE I AM ABOUT TO DELIVER TOMORROW CONCERNING THE SECRETARY'S TRAVEL PLANS IF I COULD AT THE SAME TIME SAY THAT YOU WILL COME ON THE SCHEDULE PROPOSED PARA 2 ABOVE. PLEASE TRY TO GIVE ME YOUR ANSWER BY 0800 MANILA TIME JULY 30.  
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